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SECURITY INFORMATION

COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

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TOPIC Cottbus Airfield

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EVALUATION [REDACTED]

PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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DATE OF CONTENT 10 to 30 June 1953

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

DATE PREPARED 5 August 1953

REFERENCES 25X1A

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REMARKS

SOURCE 25X1X [REDACTED]

1. The following observations were made at Cottbus airfield and in Cottbus between 18 and 27 June 1953:

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18 June. No air activity was observed. Jeeps, including jeep [REDACTED] with antenna, patrolled the town.

19 June. There was no air activity. Tank [REDACTED] was parked at the railroad station and tanks [REDACTED] at the Savings Bank. Two armored scout cars patrolled the town.

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20 June. There was again no air activity. The tanks were still in town, however, no patrols were being made. Many persons were arrested.

21 June. Some flights were made, however, no training flying was observed.

22 June. Some transport planes were seen at the airfield. No tanks were seen in the town. Armored personnel carriers and sidecar motor-cycles patrolled the town.

23 June. There was no air activity. At night, patrols of 8 to 10 heavily armed soldiers, tanks and armored scout cars were seen in town.

25 June. There was no flying.

26 June. Throughout the day, no patrols were observed.

27 June. At 1 p.m. an SED rally was held on Altmarkt. The rally which had to be attended by the personnel of the enterprises passed without disturbances. A sizable number of criminal police and security police were present at the rally. There was still a curfew between 11 p.m. and 3 a.m. 1

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2. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Cottbus airfield between 10 and 30 June:
- 10 to 16 June: Normal training flying was observed which, however, was sometimes hampered by adverse weather conditions.

17 June. In the afternoon, the airfield was cordoned off by VP.

18 June. About 20 Soviet AA guns were emplaced on the field.

19 and 22 to 29 June. There was no air activity. On 29 June, as previously, about 75 MiG-15 or U-MiG 15 planes, 10 Yak-type planes and 1 Li-2 were parked on the field. 25X1



- 25X1A 1.  Comment. The headquarters of the 1st VPL Div and the 1st Regt of this division are stationed at Cottbus airfield. It is believed that no air activity was conducted at the field because of the riots in Berlin and in East Germany between 17 and 22 June. 25X1

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